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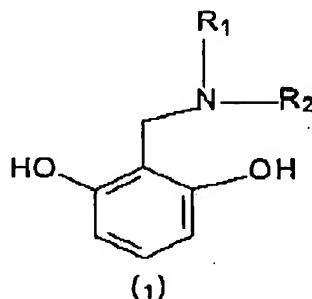
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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (1):



wherein R_1 is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, C_1 to C_5 alkyl, C_1 to C_5 mono or dihydroxyalkyl, and phenyl or benzyl optionally substituted with a hydroxyl, amino or C_1 to C_3 alkoxy group, and R_2 is selected from the group consisting of C_1 to C_5 mono or dihydroxyalkyl, and phenyl or benzyl optionally substituted with a hydroxyl or amino group, or R_1 and R_2 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a C_2 to C_6 saturated or unsaturated ring containing in the ring one or more additional hetero atoms selected from O, S and N atoms.

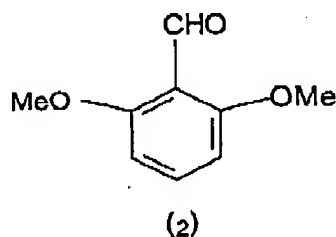
Claim 2 (Currently Amended) A compound of Claim 1 wherein R_1 is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a C_1 to C_3 alkyl group, and phenyl or benzyl optionally substituted with an alkoxy group, and R_2 is selected from the group consisting of phenyl and benzyl, or R_1 and R_2 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bound form a piperazine, imidazole, or morpholine ring.

Claim 3 (Original) A compound of Claim 2 wherein R_1 is hydrogen and R_2 is phenyl.

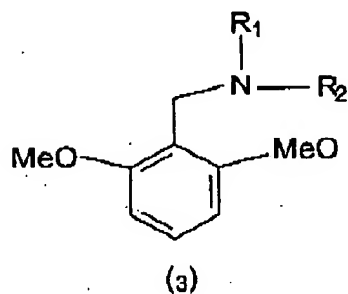
Claims 4-6 (Canceled)

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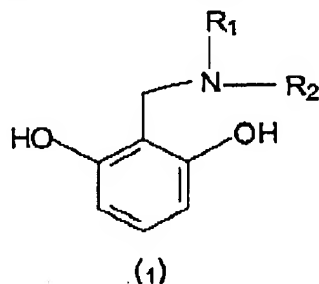
Claim 7 (Previously Presented) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (1) of Claim 1 comprising (a) reacting 2,6-dimethoxy-benzaldehyde of formula (2)



with a reagent of the formula R_1R_2NH and a reductive amination reducing agent to produce a compound of formula (3)



and (b) deprotecting the compound of formula (3) by reacting with a deprotection agent producing a compound of formula (1):



wherein R_1 and R_2 are as defined in Claim 1.

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Claim 8 (Currently Amended) A process according to Claim 7 wherein R_1 is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a C_1 to C_3 alkyl group, and phenyl or benzyl optionally substituted with an alkoxy group, and R_2 is selected from the group consisting of a phenyl and benzyl, ~~or R_1 and R_2 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bound form a piperazine, or imidazole, or morpholine ring.~~

Claim 9 (Original) A process according to Claim 7 wherein R_1 is hydrogen and R_2 is phenyl.

Claims 10-24 (Canceled)

Claim 25 (Currently Amended) A compound selected from the group consisting of:

2-phenylaminomethyl-benzene-1,3-diol;
~~2-piperidin-1-yl-methyl-benzene-1,3-diol;~~
2-(pyridin-3-yl-aminomethyl)-benzene-1,3-diol;
2-dimethylaminomethyl-benzene-1,3-diol;
2-dihydroxyethylaminomethyl-benzene-1,3-diol;
2-hydroxymethylaminomethyl-benzene-1,3-diol;
~~2-imidazolin-1-yl-methyl-benzene-1,3-diol;~~
~~2-morpholin-4-yl-methyl-benzene-1,3-diol;~~
2-benzylaminomethyl-benzene-1,3-diol;
2-aminomethyl-benzene-1,3-diol; and
2-(2-methoxy)phenylaminomethyl-benzene-1,3-diol.